

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7055

By Sparks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Pastor Henry Coles, Jr., of Faith Life Church.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dedicated church leader is Pastor Henry Coles, Jr., who has served his community and congregation well for many years as founder and senior pastor of Faith Life Church (formerly Word of Faith Christian Center – Nashville); and

WHEREAS, Pastor Coles is a graduate of both Michigan State University and Word of Faith International's Bible Training Center; and

WHEREAS, after serving under Bishop Keith A. Butler for fifteen years, nine and one-half of which were spent as a layperson and six of which were on staff as an assistant pastor, Pastor Henry Coles served as Senior Assistant Pastor for five years at Faith Christian Center in Smyrna, Georgia, before launching Word of Faith Christian Center – Nashville on June 28, 1998; and

WHEREAS, in possession of a "shepherd's heart" for his people, Pastor Coles continues to press into the mandate of his life, which is to pastor a church of God's people and experience heaven on earth; he stands by the Faith Life Church motto: Esteeming the Word, Empowered to Serve, Embracing the World; and

WHEREAS, a leader in the Nashville faith community, he has served as an officer of the Board of Trustees of The Operation Andrew Group, as well as leading a committee for a nationally simulcasted prayer event for the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many achievements, Pastor Coles has been blessed with the love of his wife; his five children, one of whom has passed on; and his five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Coles's commitment to God, his spiritual leadership, and his love for people, as demonstrated over his past years of service, are worthy of our respect and admiration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Pastor Henry Coles, Jr., commending him for his honorable service and spiritual inspiration as senior pastor of Faith Life Church and wishing him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.